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Linda Puchala
Chairman

Ms. Linda A. Puchala assumed Chairmanship of the National Mediation Board (NMB) for a second time effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

Nominated by President Barack Obama, she was confirmed as Member of the National Mediation Board by the United States Senate on May 21, 2009. She was sworn in on May 26, 2009, completing the term of her predecessor as Chairman through June 30, 2009. Ms. Puchala's current term as Member runs through June 30, 2012.

Prior to becoming a Member, Ms. Puchala served 10 years at the National Mediation Board as a Mediator, Sr. Mediator-ADR, and Associate Director of Alternative Dispute Resolution Services. Ms. Puchala's prior labor relations experience includes work as International President of the Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO and Staff Director, Michigan State Employees Association, AFSCME, AFL-CIO.

Ms. Puchala resides in Glen Burnie, Maryland, and holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Cleary University in Howell, Michigan. She has two daughters, Jennifer Adams of Pasadena, MD and Jessica Puchala of Grand Rapids, MI.



Elizabeth Dougherty
Member

Ms. Elizabeth Dougherty, a Member of the National Mediation Board (NMB) since December 13, 2006, has twice served as Chairman: from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 and also from December 13, 2006 through June 30, 2007. She was nominated by President George W. Bush and subsequently confirmed by the U.S. Senate on December 8, 2006.

Prior to joining the Board, Ms. Dougherty most recently served as Special Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy at the White House, where she covered labor and transportation issues. Prior to that, she served as Chief Counsel for the United States Senate Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training. Earlier in her career, she was an Associate at Hogan & Hartson, practicing labor and employment law.

Ms. Dougherty received her bachelor's degree from Duke University and her JD from the University of Virginia. She currently resides in Washington, DC, with her husband, Paul, and their two children.

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Harry Hoglander
Member

Mr. Hoglander was first confirmed as member of the NMB by the United States Senate on August 1, 2002, and reconfirmed for a second term on December 8, 2006, and a third term on July 24, 2009. He has served three times as Chairman of the Board, most recently from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

Prior to joining the Board, Mr. Hoglander served as a Legislative Specialist in the office of Congressman John Tierney of Massachusetts with responsibilities in Transportation issues including aviation, rail and maritime, Labor, Defense and Veterans Affairs.

Member Hoglander has an extensive background in the aviation industry and labor relations, having flown as a Captain for Trans World Airline (TWA) and being elected Master Chairman of TWA's Master Executive Council. He was also elected Executive Vice-President of the Air Line Pilots Association. After leaving TWA, Mr. Hoglander was named Aviation Labor Representative to the United States Bi-Lateral Negotiating Team by then Secretary of State James Baker.

Mr. Hoglander was also a pilot in the United States Air Force, retiring with the rank of Lt. Colonel. He graduated from Suffolk University Law School and is a member of the Florida Bar.

Member Hoglander and his wife Judith reside in Magnolia, Massachusetts. They have six grown children and twelve grandchildren.

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Daniel Rainey
Chief of Staff

Daniel Rainey is the Chief of Staff for the National Mediation Board. He joined the NMB from private practice in ADR and conflict management in April, 2001.

As Chief of Staff, he is responsible for managing the agency's internal programs, and he has full responsibility for implementing the Board's policies in all matters coming under its jurisdiction in the administration of the Railway Labor Act, except for those related to the Board's legal representation program and FOIA requests.

Immediately prior to coming to the NMB, Mr. Rainey was the owner/president of a consulting firm specializing in conflict management, conflict intervention, and training. From 1978 through 1990, he was a faculty member and administrative faculty member at George Mason University.

His memberships and associations include: the Association for Conflict Resolution, the American Bar Association Section of Dispute Resolution, the National Center for Technology and Dispute Resolution, and the Conflict Resolution Quarterly Editorial Board.



Mary Johnson
General Counsel

Mary L. Johnson is General Counsel of the National Mediation Board. As General Counsel, she serves as the Chief Legal Officer of the agency and manages the Board's representation program and a legal program which includes litigation. In this role, Ms. Johnson provides legal advice to the Board Members and agency staff. In addition, she ensures compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, Government in the Sunshine Act, and other statutes.

Several months prior to her becoming General Counsel on December 15, 2002, Ms. Johnson was appointed Acting Director of the Board's Office of Legal Affairs. She had served as the Board's Litigation Counsel since March, 2000. She has also been the agency's Designated Ethics Official since November 2002, and prior to that, Alternate Designated Ethics Official from 1996. Ms. Johnson joined the National Mediation Board as a Hearing Officer in December 1980, and became a Senior Hearing Officer in 1989.

Ms. Johnson received her Juris Doctor from the University of Connecticut School of Law and her A.B. from Barnard College. She is a member of the Connecticut Bar and public Co-chair of the Railroad and Airline Labor Committee of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association.

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Larry Gibbons

Director, Mediation and ADR Services

Larry Gibbons joined the Board in September, 1997 as a Senior Mediator. Currently, Mr. Gibbons is the Director of Mediation and has overall responsibility for the administration and management of mediation cases in the airline and railroad industries as well as the Agency's Alternate Dispute Resolution Program.

Mr. Gibbons brought to the Board 25 years of experience in personnel and labor relations, practicing under both the NLRA and RLA. Immediately prior to joining the NMB, he headed Human Resources and Labor Relations with ABX Air, Inc. (Airborne Express) for 12 years and for two years was an independent labor relations consultant. He is a past President and Member of the AIRCON Executive Board. Mr. Gibbons was also actively involved in community activities including serving on a Board of Directors for the United Way and an Adult Rehabilitation Workshop.

Mr. Gibbons earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Ohio University, and he served as an officer in the United States Army.



Roland Watkins

Director, Arbitration Services

Roland Watkins joined the National Mediation Board in February, 1980. During his career at the Board, he has been a Senior Hearing Officer and Legal Counsel. He has also served as counsel/special assistant to numerous Presidential Emergency Boards and Congressional Advisory Boards.

Currently, Mr. Watkins serves as the Director of the Arbitration Department, where he is responsible for all aspects of Grievance and Interest Arbitration in the airline and railroad industries. These responsibilities include administering railroad Public Law Boards, Special Boards of Adjustment and Arbitration Boards. He serves as the Administrator for the National Railroad Adjustment Board which is located in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Watkins received his B.A. degree in Economics from Lafayette College located in Easton, Pennsylvania, and his Juris Doctor from Cornell Law School in Ithaca, New York. He is a member of the Railroad and Airline Labor Committee and the Dispute Resolution Committee of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association.

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June D.W. King

Director, Office of Administration

June D.W. King is currently the Director of Administration (OA) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the National Mediation Board. As the OA Director, she is responsible for the Board's administrative management functions, which include strategic planning and budgeting; accounting and finance; human resources management; procurement and contracting; and internal audit and evaluation. As the CIO, she has direct authority for the NMB's policies and practices of the Board's Information Technology Program.

She serves as the NMB's principal management official on all the Small Agency Councils in the areas of administration, human resources and information technology. She is also a member of the Small Agency Council Executive Committee and the Chief Information Officers' Committee.

Mrs. King received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting from the University of the District of Columbia.